

awarded the Army Certificate of Achievement and the Army Achievement Medal.

Josh is survived by a loving family, including his wife, Teosha Reed of Lawton, Oklahoma; his parents; two brothers, Nicholas Thompson and Tristan Reed; and grandparents Elva Karns and Lewis "Butch" and Judy Lenhart.

Josh courageously volunteered to serve in defense of his family, his community, his state, and his nation. Every American lives under the blanket of safety he helped provide. For this, we owe him and his family a great debt of gratitude.

Josh will be deeply missed. But the strength of his character and the courage he demonstrated through his service will live on.

IN HONOR OF LARRY WALTON  
COLSON

**HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.**

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to pay tribute to a great man and close friend, Larry Walton Colson. Mr. Colson passed away on September 18, 2012. Visitation will be held at Carson McLane Funeral Home at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 20, 2012, and funeral services will be held on Friday, September 21, 2012.

Mr. Colson graduated from Valdosta High School in 1966. He attended Valdosta State University and graduated with a degree in Business Administration. Mr. Colson was an entrepreneur at heart. He was the owner and founder of Colson Business Systems, Inc. as well as the co-owner of Splash Zone.

Mr. Colson loved his community and actively served in various capacities. He served on the Guardian Bank Board of Advisors, the South Georgia Medical Center Foundation Board and the Valdosta State University Board of Trustees. He was also a Blazer Booster as well as an avid Florida Gator Booster.

A favorite pastime of Mr. Colson's was playing golf. He played as an amateur in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. He was also an active member of Park Avenue United Methodist Church where he served as an usher.

George Washington Carver once said, "How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong because someday in your life you will have been all of these." Mr. Colson went far in life because of his kindness and compassion for others.

Mr. Colson is preceded in death by his father, George Wallace Colson; his brother, Gordon Wallace Colson; and uncles, Carlton Thomas Adams and Kenneth Carmen Colson.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Louise Colson; children, Rachel (Steve) Blankenship, Allison (David) Gracey, and Hunter Colson; his mother Myrtice Adams Colson; brother Greg Colson (wife Cheryl); sister-in-law Valerie Colson; many loving nephews: Todd Hatcher, Brent Colson (wife Cara), Brad Colson, and Trace Colson; as well as many great nieces and nephews: Ellen, Cole, Julia and Tate Colson, Caroline and Davis Hatcher.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mr.

Colson's wife Pat, their children and other family members during this difficult time. May they be consoled and comforted by their abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

IN HONOR OF MR. WALTER  
BORKOWSKI

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Walter Borkowski who is being honored by the Polonia Foundation on October 7, 2012.

Born September 11, 1969, Walter is a first generation American. He was raised in Parma, Ohio and attended Normandy High School before earning a degree in business administration from the University of Toledo. Following graduation, Walter began a career in financial services as a customer service representative with Transamerica Financial Services. Within two years, he was the Executive Branch Manager of the Canton, Ohio office. He briefly left Northeast Ohio for a job with Long Beach Mortgage Company, but returned when he launched Consumers Choice Mortgage Inc. Walter retired from Trust In Equity Mortgage Group, LLC in 2009, but continues to work as a part-time Mortgage Consultant.

Walter has been involved in the Polish-American community since he was a young child as a singer in the John Borkowski Orchestra. At the age of 24, he was elected to his first of two terms as the director of the Alliance of Poles of American. Currently, he is the Recording Secretary for the Cleveland Society of Poles and the Alternate National Director for the Polish American Congress.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Mr. Walter Borkowski and congratulating him as he is recognized by the Polonia Foundation.

RECOGNIZING AND HONORING MS.  
GENEVIEVE FLOREZ

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Miss Genevieve Florez, who organized a school-wide donation project to send care package to our troops.

At age 10, Genevieve is the youngest child of Susan and Steve Florez. She has attended Joshua Cowell Elementary School since kindergarten, where her mother is a teacher. The family lives in Twain Harte, and Genevieve and her mom commute to school daily—an hour and a half trip each way. While in the car she does her homework, reads, and talks with her mom about all of the things that fill the life of a 5th grader.

Despite all the time that Genevieve dedicates to her studies and long commute, she still finds the energy to help with a home garden, participate in summer drama productions, and take dance classes. She loves art and keeps a sketchbook of her own fashion de-

signs. Not only is Genevieve bright, happy, thoughtful, and creative, but she is a highly motivated self-starter ready to make a difference in the world. In fact, her goal is to be the future President of the United States.

The care package project was inspired by Genevieve's admiration for her school principal, Ms. Bennett. Genevieve sent her the following letter: You inspired me. I want to help and stop world hunger, no more bullies, say thanks to police, fire-fighters, and ladies and men in the military. I also want to say thanks to the teachers. I don't know how to help. That's why I ask you. This is money to help with anything. Miss Florez had enclosed \$20 dollars.

After speaking with Principal Bennett about a variety of ways to reach out to people, Genevieve decided to pursue the idea of sending packages to soldiers overseas. Bennett put Genevieve in touch with the family of Corporal Charles O. Palmer—a United States Marine, who lost his life in Iraq on May 5, 2007. Corporal Palmer's family met with Genevieve to help her coordinate services as she prepared to send personal care packages to the troops. After organizing three school meetings to share her idea about the project, Genevieve had successfully earned the support of 70 students who wanted to participate.

On September 11, 2012, a school assembly was held to remember those who lost their lives during the attacks and to honor the heroes that emerged who protect us every day. The Palmer Family spoke to the students about the collecting of items to send to the soldiers. They talked about the personal healing that the project brings to them, and they thanked the students for their efforts. They finished by letting the students know that they were all heroes for making a difference at that moment. After sorting through all of the donations, the Palmer Family, students, staff, and volunteers were able to send out 65 boxes to our very deserving troops.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in praising Genevieve Florez for the significant contributions she has made to the people of the local community and for her honorable and faithful dedication to our service men and women of the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF BISHOP GUILFOYLE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN ALTOONA, PENNSYLVANIA

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 20, 2012*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th anniversary of Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School in Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Guilfoyle has been dedicated to the education and development of Altoona's youth for nearly a century, and its commitment to excellence has helped the school to become a tremendously influential institution in our community. The school places a great emphasis on instilling a culture of goodness, discipline, and knowledge in its students, as evidenced by its valued presence in the Altoona area.

In 1922, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona and Johnstown established Bishop

Guilfoyle Catholic High School, under its original name of Altoona Catholic High School. After the sudden death of Bishop Richard T. Guilfoyle in 1957, the school was renamed to honor his compassion for the Altoona Catholic students, and his enthusiasm for sports.

Since its establishment, the school has seen nearly 11,000 of its students receive diplomas, many of them matriculating to higher education. With this outstanding production, the school has had a profound importance in its students' lives, and has helped each of them to thrive in our community and beyond.

Bishop Guilfoyle has achieved numerous accolades, and has developed a prestigious academic reputation across the 12 Catholic parishes that it serves. The school has continued to add state-of-the-art facilities, and has implemented a rigorous academic curriculum, which holds its students to the highest of standards, both within the classroom and in the community.

Mr. Speaker, Bishop Guilfoyle's commitment to the education of our district's youth has not gone unnoticed. Its faculty's passion for cultivating the necessary values to succeed as productive, compassionate citizens has earned the school an exemplary reputation in Pennsylvania's 9th district. The many proud alumni that are spread throughout the world are a testament to the school's celebrated achievements and storied tradition as a first-class instructional institution.

As Congressman of the 9th District, I wish Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School all the best on what is sure to be another productive, successful 90 years of education and development.

#### HONORING WASHINGTON COUNTY, COLORADO ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. CORY GARDNER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. GARDNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Washington County, Colorado on its 125th Anniversary.

Washington County is distinctly different from the Washington I am standing in today. However, both did name their areas in honor of the first President of the United States, George Washington.

This past February marked their 125th anniversary of Washington County, and they have much to celebrate.

During the early 1880s, the Northeast section of Colorado experienced a boom in agricultural development and settlers flocked to the area for available and plentiful land to grow crops. In fact, my family sold farm equipment in Akron and Otis, something my family remains very proud of to this day.

The population expansion led the Colorado State Legislature to pass legislation that officially established Washington County in 1887, and declared Akron, Colorado as the county seat.

After some territorial disputes with the town of Yuma, the current boundaries were established in 1903.

Today, over 4,800 Coloradoans call Washington County home, and the county continues to promote Colorado's rich agricultural legacy.

I had the honor and privilege to represent Washington County when I served in the Colorado State Legislature, and it is again my honor and privilege to represent this great county in the United States Congress.

I am proud to recognize Washington County on their 125th Anniversary.

#### PROVIDING QUALITY HOME CARE SERVICES

##### HON. JANICE D. SCHAKOWSKY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Ms. SCHAKOWSKY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the need for strategies to maintain and improve access to home-based medical and long-term care services.

As the Co-Chair of the Seniors Task Force, I am committed to ensuring seniors get the care that need in the setting that they prefer. Today, three and a half million Medicare beneficiaries get home health services, allowing them to live independently in their own homes while getting the medical care they need. Home healthcare provides skilled, safe and effective medical treatments that once were available only a hospital or doctor's office, allowing seniors and people with disabilities to receive necessary medical care without needing transportation to a doctor's office or admission to a hospital. Home health care is good for individuals and their families, and it also is good for taxpayers. Home healthcare services saved Medicare \$2.81 billion dollars between 2006 and 2009.

As we head into this fall's debate on sequestration and alternative budget proposals, I urge my colleagues to remember the importance of home health care to seniors and people with disabilities on Medicare and to avoid cuts that will threaten the services upon which they rely.

Twelve million adults—seniors and adults with disabilities—need long-term care services but Medicaid is currently unable to meet all their needs. The problem will become even more serious in the future, since it is estimated that 27 million Americans will need long-term services by 2050. Yet, our nation still lacks a comprehensive approach to meet current and future long-term care needs.

I have introduced H. Res. 759 to express support for a comprehensive approach to provide the home care workforce and long-term care services we need in order to ensure that seniors and people with disabilities are able to live at home and enjoy a dignified quality of life. It is time not just for a national discussion, but for national solutions.

We know that we have to address the cost of health and long-term care, but there is a right way to deal with those costs and a wrong way. The wrong answer would be to target vulnerable seniors and people with disabilities—denying them home healthcare and long-term care options or shifting the financial burdens to family caregivers. Large Medicare and Medicaid cuts, vouchers and block grants would do real harm to real people. Higher cost-sharing requirements will price essential services out of reach.

Instead, we need to look for ways to lower health care costs across-the-board by eliminating fraud and abuse, giving Medicare au-

thority to use its bargaining power to negotiate for lower drug prices as the VA does, encouraging greater efficiency in the delivery of care, and encouraging the use of cost-effective health care services, including home healthcare services.

As we undertake serious budget discussions this fall, we must carefully consider the real-life impacts of the choices before us. I will be working to make sure that we protect and improve our ability to meet the home healthcare and long-term care needs of seniors and people with disabilities.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF JULIANNE ELIZABETH MARKS ALLEN

##### HON. MAURICE D. HINCHEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Mr. HINCHEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a dear friend of mine, Julianne Elizabeth Marks Allen, who passed away earlier this month. Julie, as she was called, had a heart of gold and was one of the most giving and loving people I've ever been fortunate enough to know. It was an honor and privilege for me to have her serve on my staff for nearly 19 years as a trusted advisor and liaison to the people of Sullivan County—the county she loved and called home for nearly her entire life.

Julie committed her life to her family and community. Through her volunteer efforts and public service, Julie touched countless lives in Roscoe and throughout Sullivan County, a beautiful, rural part of New York, where she was known by seemingly everyone. She was particularly interested in assisting young people and served as the Town of Rockland's Youth Committee Chairman for the Roscoe Central School District for several years. She was also a board member on the Sullivan County Community College Foundation Scholarship Committee. Julie worked diligently with me on a wide range of issues and was critical in helping me establish and steer the Sullivan-Wawarsing Rural Economic Area Partnership—an innovative regional community development initiative, for which Julie served on the Board of Directors for many years. Julie diligently advocated for those who sought assistance through our office and was widely respected for her tireless efforts to help others. Julie was also a distinguished and stalwart pillar of the Democratic Party, serving for the past 40 years as a member of the Sullivan County Democratic Committee and for the last 25 years as an elected member of the New York State Democratic Committee.

Julie had a profound impact on virtually everyone she met. To her, public and community service was a calling. Despite facing health challenges for the past 23 years, Julie's passion and determination to help others remained steadfast. In fact, Julie was recently honored with the Sullivan County Community College "2012 Women Who Make A Difference" award for her lifetime dedication of volunteerism to the county. She constantly put everyone else's needs before her own, and her reservoir of compassion and inner strength was an inspiration to me and others. Every conversation with Julie involved her asking how the other person was doing, how their